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26 March 1985

Mr. Ray Morgan
THE KANSAS CITY STAR
1729 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Thank you for inviting CIA Director William J. Casey to address the fund-raising dinner honoring the Sigma Delta Chi fraternity's 75th anniversary at the Kansas City Press Club in May or June.

Mr. Casey has asked me to extend his regrets. Due to tentative travel plans and a full schedule of official duties, he must decline the honor.

We do, however, wish your meeting and members all success.

Sincerely,

George V. Lauder
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Director, Public Affairs

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12 March 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs Office
SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the Kansas City Press Club and Sigma Delta Chi Journalistic Fraternity

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline an invitation to address the Kansas City Press Club and the professional journalists' fraternity Sigma Delta Chi at a fund-raising dinner in May or early June in Kansas City, Missouri.

2. Background: Columnist Ray Morgan of the KANSAS CITY TIMES (on behalf of the Kansas City Press Club and the Sigma Delta Chi fraternity) has invited you to be the principal speaker at a fund-raising dinner honoring the fraternity's 75th anniversary. You have been asked to make 30 minutes of remarks without questions and answers. (See opposite for Morgan's biography.) The proceeds from the dinner go toward scholarships for area journalism schools. You could expect an audience of approximately 500 made up of members of the press club, the fraternity, area civic leaders, and faculty members from the University of Missouri and the University of Kansas School of Journalism.

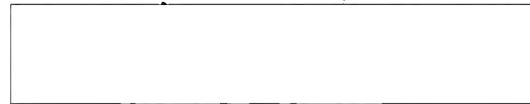
Mr. Morgan claims to have contacted you several times when you were a board member of Capital Cities Communications, Inc. Moreover, he states that he attended a reception at the Metropolitan Club given in your honor by Dr. Gordon Hoxie of the Center for the Study of the Presidency shortly after you became DCI. Morgan notes in his letter to you that Capital Cities Communications provided funds for a book on the Freedom of Information Act to be distributed to college and university libraries.

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3. Recommendation: We recommend you decline this invitation in view of the fact that it would be a total media event and of little benefit to CIA.

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George V. Lauder



ACCEPT:

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Director of Central Intelligence

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1st Lt William J. Cooley

19 MAR 1985

Date _____

Director of Central Intelligence

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JL 14 March 1985

Date

Remarks

Please prepare response for DCI signature.

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR

The Kansas City Times

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1729 Grand Avenue

Kansas City, Missouri 64108

(816)-234-4141

February 25, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20905

Dear Bill,

I hope you will vaguely recall that you and I have been in contact on several occasions when you were a member of the board of Capital Cities Communications, Inc.; in connection with matters of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and in your capacity as a campaign director for President Reagan during the 1980 campaign. You may or may not recall that I attended a reception given in your honor by Dr. Gordon Hoxie and the Center at the Metropolitan Club in Washington shortly after your appointment to your current post.

With that out of the way by way of introduction to indicate some reason for my temerity in writing to you, I would like to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the Kansas City Press Club, the professional chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, to be the principal speaker at a fund-raising dinner for funds for scholarships in area journalism schools to be attended by area civic leaders at a major Kansas City hotel. We are so anxious to have you make the appearance that we would accept any date in May or early June which your schedule might allow.

We would hope that you would see some merit in accepting the invitation as a public relations gesture on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency, particularly in the light of the fact that it is being sponsored by an organization of journalists in honor of its 75th anniversary. I am sure you are aware that Cap Cities provided funds for a book on freedom of information to be distributed to college and university libraries in honor of the 75th anniversary.

You may or may not recall that I am also a close personal friend of Sen. Bob Dole and Elizabeth Dole. You were kind enough to autograph a copy of the Center book, "Organization and Staffing of the Presidency," for me.

We sincerely hope that you can accept our invitation, both on behalf of our fund-raising effort and as a gesture for the CIA, a valued group that too often receives short shrift from journalists. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me at my home [redacted] or my office, AC 816 234-4436. Sincerely, we hope that we can hear from you with an



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acceptance of the invitation on behalf of The Kansas City Press Club.

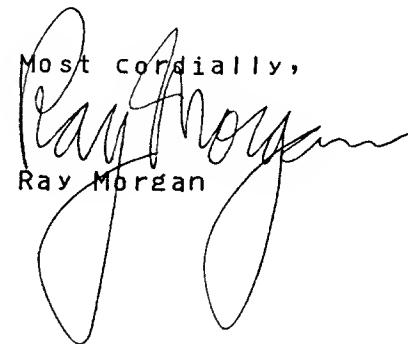
Incidentally, James H. Hale, whom you probably know as the publisher and president of The Kansas City Star and The Times since it was purchased by Capital Cities Communications, Inc., in 1977, sends you his warmest regards and best wishes.

Thank you again for considering this matter.

Most cordially,

Ray Morgan

RM:me

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" on top and "Morgan" below it.